

## HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Maryland and Virginia Circuit of Fairs and Races During the Summer and Fall.

### ORANGE BLOSSOM'S DEATH

Cameron Run Hunt Club's Horse Show—Lepanto, 0577—Other Items of Interest.

Colonel Robert Hough, of Baltimore, secretary of the Maryland and Virginia circuit of fairs and race meetings, has received an application from the Norfolk Horse Show and Fair Association, of Norfolk, Va., to join. The well appointed grounds and track formerly owned by John Mariner, were recently purchased by this association, which is made up of prominent business men of Norfolk. The Norfolk Association selected the dates of August 24, 3d, 4th and 5th. Colonel Hough wrote them he was authorized to comply with their request if they would join the National Association and guarantee their purses to aggregate not less than \$2,500. This would make the circuit as follows:

Norfolk, Va.—August 24, 3d, 4th and 5th.  
Tasley, Va.—August 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th.  
Pocomoke City, Md.—August 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th.  
Easton, Md.—August 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th.  
Colchester, Md.—August 30th, 31st, September 1st and 2d.  
Trenton, Md.—September 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th.  
Prospect Park, Md.—September 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th.

Again reverting to the noted old trotting sire, Orange Blossom, mention of whose death appeared in this column last week, the following additional information is clipped from an exchange:

There was a time when the Middletown horse, Orange Blossom, 2:26 1-2, that died last week down in Maryland, was considered a candidate for the trotting stallion championship; yet, while he showed faster trials than did Jay Gould, 2:21 1-2, he never performed as fast in public.

He was foaled on the farm of D. B. Irwin, Middletown, N. Y., in 1867, and Mr. Irwin early saw that Orange Blossom was to be a very fast trotter. In 1872 he showed 2:17, it was said, and was sold in 1873 at a long price to the late Colonel John A. McCall, Salem, Va. Mr. McCall claimed to have driven him a trial in 2:15, and at the time Goldsmith Maid's record was but 2:16. Little wonder Orange Blossom was the sensation of the hour.

He was injured after a limited career as a trotter, however, and relegated to the stud without the coveted honor of stallion king, which, apparently, he would have secured. Mr. McCall sold Orange Blossom to Hart B. Holten, Baltimore county, Md., and there he lived his stud career, that resulted in nine foals to have standard records, all but one trotters. His career, had he been

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located in Kentucky or California, would have been, indeed, brighter, as Maryland, while favorable to breeding fine horses, is so given over to producing fruits and vegetables for canning, there seems a dearth of interest in breeding. One by one these old stars are dropping off, and but few remain who have been active in the days of the old-time turf champions. There are one or two sons of Hambletonian, ten living. Red Wilkes is the oldest among George Wilkes's sons that we know of, yet, with us, Director 2:17, is the oldest of the Dictators; the Lamberts have all passed; soon will the Electioners be old horses.

Axtell and Allerton are to-day almost in the old age class, yet each is siring wondrous extreme speed. Their best sons will succeed them. Of the turf queens, but Sunol and Nancy Hanks are left to us.

The annual exhibition of the Cameron Run Hunt Club Horse Show, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday next, the 11th and 12th instants, at Alexandria, Va., promises to be a most successful affair, both in point of attendance and the class of horses shown. The size of the purses is an incentive for performers of note to be shown. The largest number of entries made by any single exhibitor will be from the Hampton Farm stable of Courtland H. Smith, whose horses are fresh from a splendid series of victories at the recent Boston Horse Show. Racing will also be a feature, and one of the most important events to be decided on the second day, the entries for which are: Montrip, by Clarence Moore; Lapida, by Dion Kerr; Charles O'Malley and Duke of Grassland, by J. D. Hall, Jr.; Red Hawk, by Leo Evans, and Conflicting Evidence, by A. O. Portner. Only gentlemen riders will be allowed to ride in any race.

The officers of the association are A. O.

Portner, president; J. J. Davies, secretary; Messrs. Courtland H. Smith, C. R. Hooff, Jr., and P. V. Portner, directors.

The bay stallion Lepanto, 657, the standard and registered son of Pecoskey, by George Wilkes, is in the stud of Bannister and Rhodes, Roanoke, Va., and is well thought of by breeders in that section of the State.

As a yearling this big, fine son of Pecoskey was the greatest show ring performer in all Kentucky, and swept the boards for youngsters of his age in the far famed Blue Grass region. Lepanto is credited with Wilkie O'Neill, 2:24 1-2, at four years; King O'Neill, 2:31, at two years, and other winners. These were sired before he left Kentucky, but from his stud service in Virginia there are some good ones, too, and these are likely to be heard from also later on.

Among the well bred and promising trotters in the stable of William L. Bass, at Acra Farm, are Princess King, chestnut filly, 3, by The Beau Ideal, dam Princess Alice, full sister to Lady of the Manor, 2:30 1-4; Judge Witt, brown gelding, by McZeus, 2:33, dam by Gambetta; Redlight, 2:30 1-4, a great race horse, and the black stallion, Lord Chancellor. The latter was sired by the \$50,000 Duro Devil, 2:26, dam by the dead Prince Regent, 2:10 1-4, a great race horse, and but for his early death would have acquired fame as a sire. Lord Chancellor was shown at the Horse Show here last fall and carried off a ribbon in the stallion class. Bass has this black son of Duro Devil in his stud now, and is simply bragging him, but later expects to shape him for fast work.

One of the most noted brood mares in Virginia is Miss Copeland, 2:25 1-4, dam of Copeland, 2:29 1-4; Della Cope, 2:25 1-4, and Expectation, the dam of the famous gelding Duro, 2:23 1-4. She is owned by Samuel McMillan, ex-Park Commissioner of New York city, whose fine farm is near Calverton, Va., where Miss Copeland is kept. This noted nation was born in 1903, but a few weeks since dropped a fine filly by Belmont Prince, 2:17 1-4, at

breeding establishment is known as Stillburn Stock Farm, and another of the valuable brood mares there is Red Cherry, three years. Mr. McMillan's Virginia 2:16 1-4, by Red Wilkes, Red Cherry also has a filly by Belmont Prince.

J. G. Roper, of Roper, N. C., has his string of trotters quartered at the bright-wind track, Washington, D. C., in charge of the veteran trainer and driver, James H. Morrow. Among the horses are Harry Woodford, 2:17 1-2, by Clement R. dam Maud L., by Harry Clay; Lady Theima, 2:20 1-4, by Clement R., and Sunol Stakes, by Great Stakes, 2:29. Both Lady Theima and Sunol stakes are out of the great brood mare, Sun Norfolk, by Norfolk, the sire of Miss Nelson, 2:11 1-4.

American bred horses won over \$150,000 in England during the season of 1903, and stand credited with first money in 1904. Those bred in Virginia were \$14 of Song, brown filly, 3, by Imp. Contract, dam Harpelle, 2:17 1-2, by Harper, Gloucester, chestnut gelding, 2, by Imp. Heavensto, dam Imp. Reprive, by Imp. Garb Or, and Leslie Carter, brown filly, 3, by Imp. Savin, dam Imp. Star Actress, Kentucky. The trio were bred by J. S. Curtis, of the Mayfield Stud, Leesburg, who owned the sires and dams of each animal.

Secretary B. C. Leach, of the Hampton Roads Driving Park Association, New York News, Va., is out with the programme of a one-day meeting to be held there on Thursday next, the 12th instants, when purses and prizes will be offered for trotters, pacers and runners. The next meeting of this association will be held on Decoration Day, Monday, the 30th instants.

BROAD ROCK.

### FRATERNAL NEWS AND GOSSIP

A musical and literary entertainment will be given by Richmond Council, Modern Puritans, in Thompson's Hall, Monday night, June 6th. A committee was appointed at the meeting of the council last Monday night to perfect arrangements for the entertainment.

The Order of Modern Puritans is in a flourishing condition, and new members are constantly being added to the roll. A new council will be instituted at Church Hill in the near future.

Manchester Lodge of Elks will give a smoker Monday evening, May 16th. The second and fourth Tuesdays in each month have been designated as "Ladies' night," and the wives of daughters and sweethearts of the jolly antlers will be given a cordial welcome at the Elks' Home on those days.

A state initiation of the Lady Macabees was held last Tuesday night, and one hundred members were initiated. Mrs. A. Louise Myers, the supreme finance keeper of the Lady Macabees, assisted in the initiation. Among the other officers initiated were Miss England, State commander for Virginia, and Miss Connor, deputy State commander. The initiation was presided over by a public reception in the annex of Murphy's Hotel Tuesday afternoon.

At the meeting of Eureka Grove, U. A. O. Druids, held in Powell's Hall last night, final arrangements were made for the institution of the grove next Wednesday night, May 11th, by officers of the Grand Grove.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Knights of Pythias, will build a Widows' and Orphans' Home in one of the cities in Kentucky, and Louisville Pythians are making a fight to secure its location.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge a Board of Control was appointed to take charge of the funds for the home. A. L. H. passed, authorizing the board to receive donations after it had in hand \$5,000. This figure was passed now seeking to interest the local lodges all over the State in a competition to secure the location.

No lot, however, considered which does not contain four acres of ground. The first building will be constructed in order that new lots can be added whenever more room is required.

Norfolk Red Men are preparing for the great Tenth Day celebration, which is to take place next Thursday, May 12th. Six hundred braves in full war paint, feathers and other details of costume belonging to Indian tribes in general will turn out to celebrate the day, which means so much to the "children of the forest."

About five hundred of the warriors will proceed on foot and about one hundred will be mounted. Escorted by soldiers and headed by chief marshals representing prominent citizens of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley, who are members of the order, the whole will form a magnificent procession.

His competitors, who were on the opposite side of the street, were Moses Branch, James Williams and Thomas Sheppard, who did a large business with the negro traders, and Smith was very jealous of them. Smith, however, had a good trade and made money. Suddenly Smith came to grief. On the day of his arrest, for running off negroes in goods boxes, he was attending the school of Martin T. Sumner, on Broad and Tenth Streets, where the Life Insurance building now stands. That morning a large crowd assembled at the corner of Eighth and Broad Streets, in front of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. All the boys from the school ran up there. Officer Clem, White had a yellow negro by the collar, and Officer John Pearce held a black one. Near the engine, in the middle of Broad Street, two large boxes containing bread, meat and bottle of water, had been taken from the train.

The negroes were marched down Broad Street to the City Hall, where they were confined in a wooden cage, which stood near the door on the Broad Street entrance.

Nearly every one in Richmond visited the City Hall that day to see these negroes. Smith having been arrested and confined in jail, was tried in the Circuit Court, which was located at the southeastern part of the Capitol Square, at the head of Franklin Street. I think Judge John A. Meredith was the judge. Smith was sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years. While he was in prison I made frequent visits to him for the purpose of having him to make me boots and shoes.

While Smith was in the penitentiary George Smith, a negro minstrel, came to Richmond and played at the Odd Fellows' Hall. One of their pieces was a burlesque of Red Boot Smith, with two negroes in a box.

The song was that Red Boot Smith cut a nigger figure by boxing up a nigger and sending him to the other side of Jordan. Smith at one time lived in the frame house on the corner of Broad and Eleventh Streets, and after his release from the penitentiary he went to Tennessee, and I never afterwards heard from him.

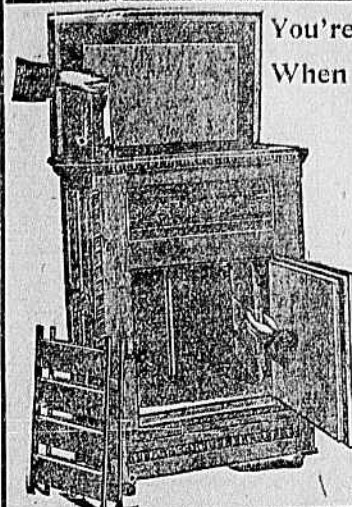
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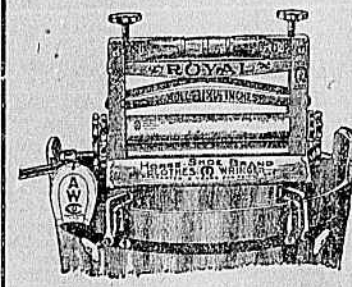
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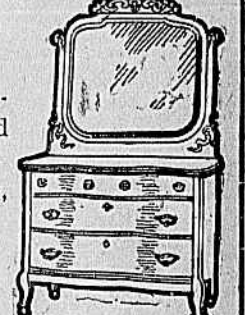
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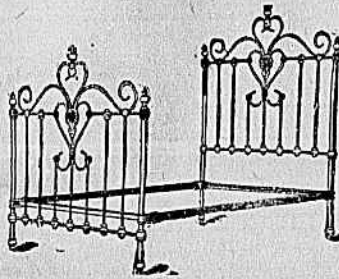
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As warm weather approaches nature awakes from her long winter sleep. The dreary months of bitter cold give way to sunshine, the ice king vanishes and the swelling buds and tender sprouts give evidence of spring's awakening. The sap, the life blood of all vegetation, is coursing upward through roots and fibres, taking with it from the bosom of mother earth food for the growth and development of vegetable life. Rich soil and a free and abundant circulation of sap produces healthy vegetation, while poor soil and a deficiency of the life-giving fluid means dwarfed or stunted growth and decay.

At spring's awakening the blood from which all animal life draws its sustenance and which nourishes our bodies must be free of all impurities and in a normal, healthy condition, or evidences of it will surely crop out in the form of sores and boils, red itching eruptions, pimples, rashes and skin troubles of every description. Warm weather stirs the blood, and in the effort to throw off the accumulated poison is thrown into a feverish excitement and riotous state, and the skin is the chief sufferer. The humors and poisons with which it is filled are thrown off through the skin, and so long as the blood is burdened with impurities sores and boils, pimples and blotches, bumps and rashes will continue to come. Bad blood not only affects the skin but creates internal disorders. The Liver and Kidneys act less promptly, the stomach is upset and the appetite usually fails, and this condition of affairs is bad on the nervous system and brings on that debilitated, run-down, tired-out feeling common to this time of the year. To remove from the blood all impurities and poisons is necessary before there is a full and free circulation and healthy action in other parts of the system. If your blood is all right then you are prepared for spring's awakening and the coming of warm weather. As a perfect spring medicine nothing is superior to S. S. S., which is made from roots and herbs gathered fresh from fields and forests, and not a particle of any mineral substance of any kind enters into this great vegetable remedy; and S. S. S. is the only blood purifier known of which this can truthfully be said. S. S. S. for the blood is widely and favorably known; it has been used for nearly fifty years and is more popular to-day than ever. If your nervous system is run down and the appetite fails, or sores, boils, pimples, or eruptions of any kind begin to appear, it indicates the blood is not up to the proper standard and that it has become impure and lost its power to nourish the body. Rich, pure blood and good circulation assures perfect health and freedom from many annoying ailments peculiar to spring. You will find S. S. S. acts promptly and will put your system in the best possible condition at spring's awakening. If you have any blood trouble, write us about it and our physician will help you get rid of it. Book on blood and its diseases free.

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